

Aimee and family, at home, holiday-decorated

"It was like our Christmas present."

A note from Aimee, homeowner

Dear Friend,

When my family became homeowners, we gained so much more than a place to live. We gained the stability to build traditions, welcome friends and neighbours, and create the kind of home we had always hoped for.

Every Christmas Eve, our table grows to include anyone who would like a place to celebrate. Sharing food, stories, and time together has become one of our family's favourite traditions.

While I can't invite each of you to my table personally, I wanted to share a little piece of our family with you this holiday season: a favourite cookie recipe we make each year.

Thank you for helping families like mine build a safe, stable home where memories and traditions can take root.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season, Aimee

My Christmas Cookies

Ingredients:

- ½ cup room temperature butter
- ½ cup granulated white sugar
- ¼ cup packed brown sugar
- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¾ cup chocolate chips

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 375ºF (190ºC).

Mix butter and both sugars in a bowl until creamed. In a separate bowl, mix all dry ingredients and set aside.

Add egg and vanilla extract to the butter mixture. Gradually add the dry ingredients, ¼ cup at a time, stirring until fully incorporated after each addition.

Fold in chocolate chips.

Using a teaspoon, make 1–2-inch balls. Place on a cookie sheet and press each slightly. Bake for 9 minutes.

Cool for one minute on cookie sheet; then transfer to a wire rack to cool.



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